

Amherst Street - - William F. Hottle House
132 Amherst Street
Winchester
Virginia

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 132 Amherst St., Winchester, Virginia

Present Owner: Granville Harold Shirley

Present Occupants: Tenants

Present Use: Residential apartments.

Statement of Significance: One of a group of well-preserved representative buildings extending for a block on Amherst Street.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Physical History

1. Dates of erection: 1880. William F. Hottle purchased the lot in 1879, paying \$600 for it (Winchester, Va., Deed Book No. 16, p. 201). His name, however, does not appear on the tax records for that year, but it does for 1880, and his property is identified and it is evaluated at \$300 for the lot and \$800 for the building, thereby giving its date of construction (Winchester, Va., City Land Books 1877-1881).

2. Architect: Not known.

3. Original and subsequent owners: The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land on which the house stands.

1879 Deed 5 Sept. 1879, recorded 19 Sept. 1879 in Winchester, Va., Deed Book No. 16, p. 201

Thomas T. Fauntleroy, Jr., and Bettie S. Fauntleroy, his wife
to
William F. Hottle

For \$600, a strip 50 feet wide and 106 feet 8 inches deep taken at the east of Fauntleroy's lot at the northeast corner of Amherst and Washington Streets. The frontage is 50 feet on Amherst Street.

1902 Deed 18 August 1902, recorded 19 August 1902 in Winchester, Va., Deed Book No. 25, p. 98

William F. Hottle and Bessie B. Hottle, his wife
to

S. L. Hoover
For \$2800.

1917 Deed 1 Oct. 1917, recorded 9 Oct. 1917 in Winchester, Va., Deed Book No. 33, p. 155

S. L. Hoover and Minnie D. Hoover, his wife
to

Fannie T. Thompson
For \$3600.

1935 Will 28 Sept 1934, recorded 20 Feb. 1935 in Winchester, Va., Will Book No. 12, p. 248

Fannie T. Thompson
to
Ethel T. Shirley, her daughter

1972 Will 2 Jan 1967, recorded 17 Mar. 1972 in
Winchester, Va., Will Book No. 44, p. 370
Ethel Thompson Shirley
to
Granville Harold Shirley, her only son

4. Builder or contractor: Not known

5. Notes on original plan and construction: The original house probably consisted of the brick portion only--three rooms deep, with a porch at the east side of the rear room.

6. Notes on known alterations and additions: According to Granville Shirley's letter of 5 July 1972, at the time his grandparents bought the house (1917) the east side followed a straight line from front to rear. Thus it would seem that by 1917 at least one addition to the rear of the house had been made. Shirley states that his grandparents widened the side porch at the first floor so that it projected, allowing them a better view of the street and of the back yard. This was done around 1925, he believed. Following his grandfather's death (?), his mother's sister and her husband lived in the house. They enclosed the wide porch, carrying the wall through the second floor as it is today. They also added a room at the back of the east side, enclosed a back porch, and added some partitions in the addition and at the rear porch. His mother removed these partitions when she lived in the house, when she had it renovated. This was around 1940. It appears that the alterations of 1940 included dividing the house into a rental property, with a separate second-floor unit entered by an exterior stairway at the rear of the east side (i. e., the northeast corner).

Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Building.

Not known.

Sources of Information.

Primary and unpublished sources:

Letter from Granville H. Shirley dated 5 July 1972, to Henry H. Wood, with enclosed sketch of plan of house.

Winchester, Va. Deed Book No. 16, No. 25, No. 33

----- Land Books 1877-1881.

----- Will Book No. 12, No. 44.

Secondary and published sources.

None.

Likely sources yet to be investigated: None.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION - For drawings of the William F. Hottle House, see AMHERST STREET (HABS No. VA-694)